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REF: A. USDAO KL 266/031020Z MAR 75

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1. FOLLOWING IS CHIEF OF MISSION'S SUMMARY STATMENT ON SECURITY ASSISTANCE REQUESTED REF B. I AM SUBMITTING A SUMMARY STATEMENT IN LIEU OF AN OVERALL ASSESSMENT PER PARA 3.?. (2) BECAUSE SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO GOM IN FY 76 THROUGH 81 IS EXPECTED TO BE LIMITED TO US\$300,000 PER YEAR.

2. IN ITS DRAFT FY 1976 PARA (REF D) AND IN THE REVISION TO THE FY 77-81 POM (REF A), THE EMBASSY PROJECTED A CONTINUATION OF THE SMALL U.S. MAP TRAINING PROGRAM CURRENTLY IN SECRET

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EFFECT HERE AND OF A MODEST FMS CREDIT LEVEL. THESE PROGRAMS

WERE INTENDED TO (1) CONTRIBUTE TO THE MODERNIZATION OF THE MALAYSIAN ARMED FORCES, (2) FOCUS GOM ATTENTION ON AMERICAN AS CONTRASTED WITH BRITISH WEAPONS SYSTEMS, (3) PROMOTE HARMONIZATION OF WEAPONS SYSTEMS AMONG THE FIVE ASEAN POWERS THEREBY IMPROVING REGIONAL DEFENSE CAPABILITIES, AND (4) DEVELOP U.S.-MALAYSIAN SERVICE-TO-SERVICE RELATIONSHIPS.

3. I HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THESE OBJECTIVES CAN BE PURSUED BY A CONTINUATION OF THE MAP TRAINING PROGRAM, AND THAT FOR THE NEXT YEAR OR SO, AT LEAST, THERE IS NO NEED TO CONTINUE AN FMS CREDIT PROGRAM. WHILE THE U.S. FAVORS A MODERNIZATION OF THE MALAYSIAN ARMED FORCES, U.S. POLITICAL OR MILITARY INTERESTS DOING REQUIRE SUBSIDIZING OF THIS PROCESS THROUGH FMS. U.S. EQUIPMENT IS RECOGNIZED HERE FOR ITS QUALITY, AND IS HIGHLY COMPETITIVE IN PRICE. MALAYSIA IS ECONOMICALLY STRONG AND THERE IS EVERY PROSPECT OF SUSTAINED FURTHER ECONOMIC GROWTH THROUGH 1980. IT IS THEREFORE CAPABLE OF FINANCING ITS OWN ARMS PURCHASES.

4. BASED ON GUIDANCE CONTAINED IN REF B, FOLLOWING ARE PROJECTED FY 76-81 LEVELS FOR GRANT TRAINING (MILLIONS OF DOLLARS):

YEAR	GRANT TRAINING	FMS CREDIT	TOTAL
FY 76	0.3	---	0.3
FY 77	0.3	---	0.3
FY 78	0.3	---	0.3
FY 79	0.3	---	0.3
FY 80	0.3	---	0.3
FY 81	0.3	---	0.3

5. MY COUNTRY TEAM AND I BELIEVE THAT THE FOREGOING LEVELS OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE ARE APPROPRIATE AND JUSTIFIABLE IN MEETING U.S. POLITICAL AND SECURITY OBJECTIVES.
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